

STANDARD PAYMENT RATE FOR FOSTER FAMILY ALTERNATIVE CARE

<u>Type of Expenditure</u>	<u>Age Limitation</u>	<u>Amount Payable</u>
(1) Maintenance (includes room and board, clothing and incidentals)	0-5 years 6-12 years 13 and over	\$227.00 \$277.00 \$307.00
(2) Infant Allowance	0-2 years	\$ 50.00
(3) Annual Clothing Allowance	0-5 years 6-12 years 13 and over	\$150.00 \$200.00 \$250.00
(4) Special Medical Expense	all ages	Medicaid or Contract Rate
(5) Special Non-medical Expense	all ages	
Related Subject: Attachment D of this Chapter, Children's Income Disbursement System (KIDS)		
(6) Children's Treatment	all ages	Contract Unit Rate
(7) Residential Treatment (includes Room and Board)	all ages	Contract Unit Rate
(8) Behavioral/Medical Foster Care	all ages	\$657.00 plus \$100 PPMN, and \$100 Incentive Payment (BFC)
(9) Career Foster Care	all ages	\$ 47.00 per day
(10) Career Foster Parent Respite Care	all ages	\$ 40.00 per day
(11) Career Foster Parent Availability/Transitional Services	all ages	\$ 21.00 per day for up to 90 days

The maximum rate established for maintenance payment may be exceeded only in special circumstances involving children with exceptional needs. No exception may be made for payment exceeding these standards unless prior approval is received from the Area Director or the child is authorized to make use of a special alternative care program such as medical foster care or behavioral foster care.

* (May be exceeded in individual cases, with Area Director approval.)

1. Maintenance payment includes expenses related to the foster child's daily living needs i.e., room and board, clothing, and incidentals.
2. Infant allowance is paid for children between the ages of 0-2 years to help defray the additional costs for providing for the specific needs of infants; i.e., formula, diapers, special food, extra clothing, and supplies.
3. Maintenance payment and infant allowance, when allowable, and using the following guidelines, may be continued for children who temporarily leave a placement:
 - A. As provided in the individual case plan and agreed to by the State Agency. This includes frequent in-home visits, both birth and adoptive parents, as long as placement remains with foster/relative parents, or planned hospitalization, or camp, etc. For residential treatment, this may not exceed a maximum of thirty (30) days during any twelve (12) month period.
 - B. Up to seven (7) days for each period of time the child is absent for the reasons of runaway, in-patient hospitalization, or detention, or;
 - C. For children in residential treatment, up to five (5) days per month for the purpose of visiting with birth parents or a "substitute family," (includes prospective adoptive parents.)
4. If a Behavioral Foster Care (BFC) foster family needs a temporary break in child care responsibilities, respite care may be arranged with another trained BFC foster family. Payment of both BFC foster families may be made at the BFC rate for up to seven (7) days in a calendar year. Area Director approval is needed for payment of the BFC rate to both BFC foster families beyond seven (7) days in a calendar year.
5. Maintenance and infant allowance payments begin with the date of the first night the child resides with a provider. It ends effective with the date of the last night the child resides with a provider.
6. Career Foster Parents are encouraged to use respite care a minimum of one weekend per month plus 14 days per year. Respite Care will be provided for all foster children in the CFP home at the same frequency regardless of Level of Care, i.e., Traditional, BFC, Individualized Care (IC), etc. Respite care does **not** have to be provided for all children in the CFP home at the same time. Career foster parents may determine the actual time(s) to use respite based on the individual needs of the child (ren) in their home, and family. Respite care is to be provided by another trained Career Foster Parent Respite Care Provider under contract with the Division. Both the CFP and respite provider will continue to receive their annual reimbursement during periods of respite.